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# Tentative avortée de coup d'État à Sao Tomé-et-Principe

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Le premier ministre Patrice Trovoada a annoncé l'échec d'une tentative de coup d'État dans la nuit de jeudi 24 à vendredi 25 novembre 2022. *PARKER SONG / AFP*

## Quatre hommes, dont l'ancien président de l'Assemblée nationale Delfim Neves et un ex-mercenaire, ont tenté d'attaquer le quartier général de l'armée.

Une tentative de coup d'État a échoué dans la nuit de jeudi 24 à vendredi 25 novembre à Sao Tomé-et-Principe, petit pays insulaire du golfe de Guinée considéré comme un modèle de démocratie parlementaire en Afrique, a annoncé le premier ministre Patrice Trovoada.

Quatre hommes, dont l'ancien président de l'Assemblée nationale sortante Delfim Neves et un ex-mercenaire déjà auteur d'une tentative de putsch en 2009, qui ont été arrêtés, ont tenté d'attaquer le quartier général de l'armée, a précisé Patrice Trovoada dans une vidéo authentifiée et envoyée à l'AFP à Libreville par la ministre de la Justice Ilsa Maria dos Santos Amado Vaz.

### *Tirs d'armes dans le QG de l'armée*

Le chef du gouvernement, qui apparaît assis à un bureau, les traits fatigués, en tee-shirt sous un vêtement de pluie, a tenu à «*rassurer*» la population et «*la communauté internationale*». «*Il y a eu une tentative de coup d'Etat qui a débuté autour de 00h40 et (...) s'est terminée peu après 6 heures du matin*», a-t-il poursuivi, ajoutant : «*Les forces armées ont subi une attaque dans une caserne*».

Une habitante contactée par téléphone par l'AFP a raconté sous couvert de l'anonymat qu'elle avait entendu des «*tirs d'armes automatiques et d'armes plus lourdes, ainsi que des détonations, deux heures durant à l'intérieur du QG de l'armée*» dans la capitale Sao Tomé.

## Commentaires

**Cha Komb** le 26/11/2022 à 12:59
Un coup monté plutôt. Vérifiez vos informations: d'autres sources rapportent qu'à la suite de ces déclarations (car il s'agit d'une déclaration), l'ancien président de l'assemblée nationale, qui se trouve être un opposant politique de l'actuel premier ministre, ait été détenu de manière arbitraire, sans preuve contre lui. Le Premier ministre se croirait-il au-dessus des lois et de l'état de droit dans ce petit pays historiquement pacifique? Ses déclarations doivent-elles être prises pour argent comptant? Quid du Président de la République ? Pourquoi ne se prononce-t-il pas, sachant que c'est l'une de ses prérogatives en tant que gardien de la Constitution ?

**Anonyme** le 25/11/2022 à 17:02
Ils ne font que çà la "guéguerre" : S'ils mettaient autant d' ardeur à travailler au développement de l' Afrique , les choses iraient mieux pour la population !

**Hayastan** le 25/11/2022 à 06:07

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**Begood** le 25/11/2022 à 06:03

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## L'UE condamne «fermement» la tentative de coup d'État à Sao-Tomé-et-Principe

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Josep Borrell, chef de la politique étrangère de l'Union européenne, arrive à une conférence de presse lors du 7e Forum régional de l'Union pour la Méditerranée à Barcelone, le 24 novembre 2022. *NACHO DOCE / REUTERS*

L'Union européenne a «*fermement condamné*» mardi la tentative de coup d'État à Sao Tomé-et-Príncipe les 24 et 25 novembre et appelé dans un communiqué tous les acteurs politiques à maintenir la paix dans le pays.

«*Nous sommes convaincus que les autorités feront la lumière sur les faits et demanderont des comptes aux responsables, dans le respect des droits de l'homme et des valeurs et normes démocratiques que partagent l'UE et Sao Tomé-et-Príncipe*», a déclaré le porte-parole du chef de la diplomatie européenne Josep Borrell.

La tentative de coup d'État a été menée dix jours après la prestation de serment du nouveau gouvernement et quatre personnes, arrêtées à l'issue de ces événements, sont mortes, selon le chef d'état-major de l'armée, Olinto Paquete. «*L'Union européenne continue de suivre de près la situation*», a précisé le porte-parole européen.

Le gouvernement de Sao Tome et-Principe, petit pays insulaire du golfe de Guinée indépendant depuis 1975, a condamné «une tentative violente de subversion de l'ordre constitutionnel». Il a assuré que »toutes les enquêtes seront menées pour déterminer les causes et les circonstances des décès" et les responsabilités de la tentative de coup d'État.

https://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/lisbonne-va-continuer-de-soutenir-sao-tome-et-principe-apres-la-tentative-de-coup-d-etat-20221223

## Lisbonne va continuer de soutenir Sao Tomé-et-Principe, après la tentative de coup d'État

Par Le Figaro avec AFP  Publié le 23/12/2022 à 17:49

Le Portugal va continuer de soutenir Sao Tomé-et-Principe, qui a connu fin novembre une tentative de coup d'Etat, afin d'aider son ancienne colonie à trouver la «*stabilité*», a indiqué vendredi 23 décembre à Lisbonne le gouvernement portugais. «*Nous allons travailler avec Sao Tomé-et-Principe afin que le pays trouve une stabilité et d'autres perspectives d'avenir*», a déclaré le ministre portugais des Affaires étrangères, Joao Gomes Cravinho, après avoir annoncé une «*aide financière d'urgence*».
Le Portugal va accorder une aide de «*15 millions d'euros afin d'aider le pays à faire face à ses besoins immédiats de trésorerie*» dans les secteurs notamment de l'éducation, de la santé ou encore de l'Etat de droit, a ajouté le ministre. Cette annonce intervient après la période d'instabilité qu'a connu ce petit pays insulaire du golfe de Guinée, indépendant depuis 1975.
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### *Archipel lusophone très pauvre*

Le premier ministre de Sao Tomé-et-Principe, Patrice Trovoada, avait annoncé le 25 novembre que l'armée avait déjoué une tentative de coup d'Etat dans ce petit archipel lusophone très pauvre, modèle de démocratie parlementaire en Afrique. De nombreuses zones d'ombres entourent les circonstances et la chronologie des événements. Le gouvernement avait toutefois assuré que des enquêtes seront menées «*pour déterminer les circonstances des décès*» survenus lors de ces événements, ainsi que les responsabilités de la tentative de coup d'Etat. «*Sao Tomé est un pays frère, si bien que face à de grandes difficultés le Portugal ne pouvait rester indifférent*», a souligné le chef de la diplomatie portugaise.

Le Portugal poursuivra au début de l'année prochaine un «*dialogue très étroit*» avec le gouvernement saotoméen, ainsi qu'avec «*d'autres entités internationales*» comme la Communauté des pays de langue portugaise (CPLP) ou le Fonds monétaire international (FMI), pour continuer à aider le pays, a précisé le ministre.

https://www.voanews.com/a/sao-tome-failed-coup/6852268.html

November 27, 2022 5:00 PM  By Agence France-Presse
4 Killed in Sao Tome's Failed Coup Bid, State Media Reports

FILE - A general view of the Prime Minister's office of Sao Tome and Principe, in Sao Tome, Nov. 18, 2021.

LIBREVILLE, GABON — Four people were killed in a failed coup attempt on Sao Tome and Principe, the state news agency STP-Press said Sunday reporting a toll from the armed forces chief of staff.
The military, which Friday thwarted a coup bid in the tiny Portuguese-speaking archipelago off central Africa considered a beacon of democracy, announced "four human lives were lost" after "exchanges of fire" at a military site.

Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada told STP-Press that "four citizens" and 12 soldiers and fighters from South Africa's officially disbanded Buffalo Battalion were involved in the attempted overnight putsch.

The army said Sunday 12 active-duty soldiers were involved.

They were "neutralized and captured" after trying to storm military sites and three of them died from their wounds despite the army's efforts to preserve their lives by taking them to the hospital, Trovoada added.

One of the victims was Arlecio Costa, who once served as a mercenary in apartheid South Africa's Buffalo Battalion, disbanded in 1993. Trovoada accused him of being one of the ringleaders.

The army said Costa — also held in 2009 over accusations of plotting a coup — died following his arrest Friday after he "jumped from a vehicle," without giving further details.

Trovoada said the former president of the outgoing National Assembly Delfim Neves was also one of several people arrested after the attack on army headquarters, in a Friday video message confirmed by the justice minister.

A judicial source told AFP two inquiries had been launched to investigate the alleged attack on a military barracks in Sao Tome and the "torture" and "murder" of four suspects.

The government on Sunday condemned what it called a "violent attempt to subvert the constitutional order," saying the deaths and the coup attempt would be investigated.

It added that an international team was coming to the archipelago to support investigators and called on the hospital services to look after the victims' bodies.

A resident speaking to AFP anonymously by phone said she had heard "automatic and heavy weapons fire, as well as explosions, for two hours inside the army headquarters" in the nation's capital.

In the video message, authenticated and sent to AFP by the press office of Sao Tome's prime minister, Trovoada is seen sitting at a desk saying he wants to "reassure" the population and "the international community."

Trovoada initially said a soldier had been "taken hostage" and wounded but "would be able to resume his activities in a few days."

A former Portuguese colony in the Gulf of Guinea, the nation of some 215,000 people is deeply poor and depends on international aid but is also praised for its political stability and parliamentary democracy.

https://apnews.com/article/africa-parliamentary-elections-sao-tome-and-principe-88624118c3972e7f4945a6e5a99884c0

**Prime minister: Coup thwarted in Sao Tome and Principe**

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SAO TOME, Sao Tome and Principe (AP) — Security forces in the Central African island nation of Sao Tome and Principe have killed four people and detained two others including politician Delfim Neves following a thwarted coup attempt, officials said Friday.

Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada said authorities believe the men were in search of weapons when they entered military barracks and abducted one hostage, who was later freed. Authorities were investigating whether the men received any support from within the military, he added.

"It's not a robbery; it's not a theft," Trovoada said. "It's an attack with weapons of war on the country's armed forces and we have to solve this problem."

"Certain individuals do not conform to the will of the ballot box and the will of the sovereign people, and thus tarnish the country," he added.

The attack comes about two months after Sao Tome and Principe held parliamentary elections, which were won by Trovoada's Independent Democratic Action (ADI) party. He was sworn in as prime minister earlier this month.

Neves, of the Democratic Convergence Party, has run for president twice and had contested the results of last year's race.

The archipelago of Sao Tome and Principe is located near the equator about 350 kilometers (217 miles) off the western coast of Africa near Gabon. About 225,000 people live in the former Portuguese colony, according to World Bank statistics.

https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/sao-tome-principe-government-thwarts-overnight-coup-attempt-2022-11-25/

**Sao Tome and Principe government thwarts overnight coup attempt**

By Reuters - November 25, 20221:35 PM UTC

SAO TOME, Nov 25 (Reuters) - Authorities in the island nation of Sao Tome and Principe thwarted a coup attempt overnight, the prime minister and West Africa's regional bloc said on Friday.

The Gulf of Guinea nation's military barracks came under attack shortly after midnight, Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada told a press briefing aired on private broadcaster Radio Somos Todos Primos.

"We were targeted by an attempted coup, which began around 00:40 and was completed... shortly after 06:00," he said.

Four attackers were "neutralized" and detained, and the National Assembly's ex-president Delfin Neves was arrested on Friday morning, Trovoada added.

"Everything indicates (that the coup occurred under) the command of some personalities", he added.
A former soldier, Arlecio Costa, has also been detained in relation to the coup.

The head of West Africa's main regional bloc ECOWAS, Guinea-Bissau President Umaro Sissoco Embalo, condemned the coup attempt on Friday.

"Sao Tome and Principe is a country considered a model of parliamentary democracy in Africa," he tweeted.

The former Portuguese colony, located off the western equatorial coast of central Africa, has been relatively stable since an attempted military coup against the government of President Fradique de Menezes in 2003.

Coup leaders at the time said they tried to topple the regime due to widespread poverty.

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**Coup attempt thwarted in Sao Tome and Principe, PM says**

*PM Trovoada says at least six people detained after overnight attack, including the National Assembly's former president.*

Sao Tome and Principe Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada [File: Parker Song/Pool via Reuters]

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A coup attempt has been thwarted in Sao Tome and Principe, according to the prime minister of the African island nation generally praised for its stability.

Military barracks came under attack early on Friday, Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada said at a news briefing aired on private broadcaster Radio Somos Todos Primos.

“We were targeted by an attempted coup, which began around 00:40 [00:40 GMT] and was completed … shortly after 06:00 [06:00 GMT],” he said.

At least six people have reportedly been detained.

The head of the Economic Community of West African States condemned the coup attempt in the Gulf of Guinea nation.

“Sao Tome and Principe is a country considered a model of parliamentary democracy in Africa,” Guinea-Bissau President Umaro Sissoco Embalo said on Twitter.

Trovoada said four attackers were “neutralised” and detained after the coup attempt. A former president of the National Assembly, Delfim Neves, was arrested on Friday morning, and a former soldier, Arlecio Costa, was also detained in relation to the coup, the prime minister said.

Neves lost his position on November 11 when a new chamber was installed following elections in September, in which Trovoada's centre-right Independent Democratic Action (ADI) party won an absolute majority.

The ADI is one of two major parties that have vied to run the country since independence in 1975. The other is the Movement for the Liberation of Sao Tome and Principe-Social Democratic Party (MLSTP-PSD). The ADI's electoral triumph saw Trovoada return to the post of prime minister for a third time.

A resident speaking to the AFP news agency anonymously by phone said she had heard "automatic and heavy weapons fire as well as explosions for two hours inside army headquarters" in the nation's capital, Sao Tome.

She said the city was now calm: "People are going about their normal business, but schools have asked parents not to send their children."

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